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Fourteen lawyers have been president of the United States.

A Cincinnati man, in order to keep peace in the family, has married his mother-in-law.

Governesses are going to the front. Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts was a governess and so was Mrs. Levi P. Mortou.

Mr. Gladstone's visit to Italy has improved his health immensely. When he returns to London he will look ten years younger.

Francis D. Daffin, of Brooklyn, a printer, bet \$500 on the losing horse at the race, and then settled his grief by committing suicide.

Hon. Thornydyke Rice, recently appointed by President Harrison United States Minister to Russia is dead.

Prince Louis de Ligne and Vicomte de Jonghe fought a duel at midnight by torch-light in a French forest. Nothing was wounded except trees.

THE Democrats have secured a majority of five in the constitutional convention of Montana. The prospects for the future do not look so dark, after all, do they brethren

Mrs. Oscar Folsom, mother of Mrs. Cleveland, was married on the 20th in Jackson, Mich., to Henry E. Perrine, of Buffalo. He is secretary of Buffalo City Cemetary Association.

Hon. John Wanamaker, distributed \$100,000 among his employes last week. It was the result of his profit system adopted in his Philadelphia business house.

Hon. Jno. T. McGraw has resigned as Collector of Internal Revenue. He will be succeeded by A. B. White, editor of the State Journal, a bitter partisan paper at Parkersburg.

The Boston Journal reports that Samuel Cummings of that city while leaning against a rail in his grain-mill, "began sneezing and sneezed so hard that he dislocated his shoulder."

Miss Jane Woods, a young lady who lives in Wetzel county, has completed a nice quilt containing 22,140 pieces. She commenced it when seven years old, having worked at it for fourteen years.

A Republican exchange says: "A man who is addicted to drink, is not likely to get anything from Harrison." We can understand now why it was that so many of the brethren who seemed to have every prospect of success failed to get there.

A Clay county preacher has been indicted on four accounts for gambling at cards. The failure of his flock to ante promptly in the Sunday "pot" is, no doubt the cause of the minister's efforts to replenish his purse by a little game of draw.

Old Kanawha did nobly on Tuesday. Cutting down a majority of 1,500 to about 150 is not so bad, even if a full vote was not polled. At the same rate of increase we will be able to carry the county by about 800 majority at the next election.—Charleston Star.

The iron makers of the South are driving the Pennsylvania furnaces out of blast. The Southern mills have been selling pig-iron in New York at \$16.50 a ton for a year, while the Pennsylvanians have been compelled to get \$18 per ton for theirs, or close their mills. The Tariff will not help Pennsylvania hereafter. Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama are the countries from which Pennsylvania must protect herself, and she can't do that by a tariff.—Charleston Gazette.

The editor of the New York Times, Mr. C. R. Miller, in a closing lecture before the Dartmouth Alumni Tuesday on the "Art of Making a Newspaper," said among other things:

"The art of making a newspaper, like any other art, demands of him who would practice it a special skill and some information. The vulgar error that the newspaper art demand no special training, but may be taken up at a moment's notice and a generous salary by any man or woman temporarily out of work or unacquainted with any kind of work, is traceable to an obvious source. Young men are admitted to the practice of the law, they are graduated in medicine, and they are ordained or appointed ministers of the Gospel, in each case after a fixed term of study has elapsed and an ascertained degree of professional knowledge has been acquired. Of him who asks for work in a newspaper office no degree, license, or certificate is exacted. Yet no contention is that the training which fits one successfully to practice the art of making a newspaper is no less arduous, is usually rather more prolonged, and yields no smaller volume of attainment than the special studies preparatory to the practice of law, of medicine, of engineering, or architecture, or the instruction of ingenious youth."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 24th.—"Harrison has a weak back bone," said a republican Senator, and it is constantly growing weaker. There is every indication that we are to have a repetition of the worse features in the Hayes and Arthur administrations." This language was used by a man who is generally regarded as being very friendly to the administration, and there is no doubt that he is, but he was asked by a republican friend his opinion of the President and he gave it without reserve. And the known facts in a number of cases bear the Senators statement as to a weak back bone out. For instance he wants to put his old law partner Attorney General Miller in the Supreme Court bench, but owing to a vigorous protest from the Indiana republicans, who want Judge Woods of that State appointed, he does nothing. Again: In the early days of the administration John Wanamaker selected a business man of Philadelphia to be Postmaster at that city, and Mr. Harrison lacked the nerve to make the appointment. And again: Some time ago John Sherman was promised that Ex-Congressman Hart, of Ohio, should be appointed Solicitor General, Hart was telegraphed to and told to come on and get the appointment. Quay made a big row accusing Sherman of lying etc., and intimating that the administration might go to jericho, for all he cared. Once more Harrison's back bone went back on him and Hart's appointment has not yet been made out. The cases mentioned are all well known, doubtless there are

many similar ones that the public never hears of, but these are sufficient to prove that the Senators indictment is a true one.

Oklahoma can't have a national bank. So says the Attorney General to whom the application was referred by the Treasury department.

Some absurd rumors about the sending of an English man of war to Alaskan waters to prevent the provisions of Harrison's recent proclamation, as to the seizure of all vessels found illegally taking seals, from being carried out, forcibly if necessary, have been floating around here this week but nobody seemed to take any stock in them.

Justice Miller of the Supreme Court, having failed in his purpose of getting ex-Secretary of War McCrary, appointed as his successor, or rather in getting a promise to that effect from Harrison, now says that he has no intention of retiring.

Washington has been the scene of some very heavy fighting among some of the big fellows in the republican party during the present week. Blows have been passed that will be remembered for years and revenged too, if the opportunity comes, and it most always causes strife among the leaders-distribution of the patronage. The first skirmish was between Representative Cannon, of Illinois and Senators Cullom and Farwell of the same state. Cannon got one of his constituents appointed collector of Internal revenue without consulting either of the Senators. Cannon has the best of it so far out the Senators swear vengeance. The next engagement was a battle royal that has raged all the week. It is over the Philadelphia Federal appointments. On one side is "Cheap John" Wanamaker, Representative Harry Bingham and Boss McManes, and on the other Senator Quay alone, with all his war paint on. The fight has been carried to the White House nearly every day and poor Harrison has been compelled to act as referee much against his will. This fight is still on, with the result in doubt. Another engagement was caused by a U. S. Marshalship in New York, Senator Evarts dared to oppose the candidate of Senator Hisecock and Boss Tom Platt, and not only to oppose the other candidate but to have one of his own. The three met here this week and indulged in a few rounds. Evarts is believed to have been completely knocked out. It seems to be generally believed by the republicans that Harrison will call an extra session of Congress in October. Of course everybody knows that there is no earthly occasion for an extra session except to give the republicans two months to fight over the organization of the House and to perfect their arrangements to get at least three-fourths of the contested seats.

Blaine, Windom and Proctor deny that they propose resigning, as was rumored.

Many people from Washington, have gone to Alexandria to-day to witness the unveiling of a hard some monument to the Confederate dead.

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